

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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Prior to adjourning Monday's meeting, however, Commissioner Tom Grimsley made a motion with a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks to give the sheriff permission to secure a helicopter for the county. The sheriff had indicated he would need this approval from commissioners before he could move forward with trying to get a helicopter through the program he has found. He also indicated the only funds that would be needed in the FY2008 budget for the helicopter would be for insurance since he did not

know when a helicopter would be ready for the county after he was given approval to get one. The motion failed due to a tie vote. Those voting in favor of giving the sheriff permission to get a helicopter were commissioners Jim Thompson, Tom Grimsley and J.L. Weeks. Voting against the motion were commissioners Linda Westbrock, Robert Stephens and Doug Dalrymple. The next regular meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

## Wallace Community College receives "Save Our History" grant from History Channel

Wallace Community College-Dothan has been awarded a \$9,700 "Save Our History" grant from The History Channel.

Wallace is one of 27 organizations nationwide to receive one of these community preservation grants this cycle. The grant will allow the college to partner with Dale County High School and the Dale County Historical and Genealogical Society to produce "The Forgotten Schools: An Oral History of African-American Schools in Dale County."

The video project seeks to preserve the details and history of segregated school life in rural Dale County, Ala. Although school segregation is an integral part of Alabama history, many of today's students are unaware of the history and circumstances surrounding school segregation and the long process of integration that occurred within their communities.

This project will allow students to explore and document, through first-person narrative accounts, the experiences of former students who attended seg-

regated schools and lived through this tumultuous era. The completed project will be preserved in a documentary video and published book.

This year, The History Channel awarded \$250,000 in grants of up to \$10,000 to 27 organizations across the country. In four years, 1,934 historic organizations, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia have applied for funding through the Save Our History Grant Program.

The History Channel, with the counsel of Rockefeller

Philanthropy Advisors and American Association of State and Local History, created the Save Our History Grant Program as an extension of the Save Our History philanthropic initiative. The program is designed to inspire and motivate local students and communities to learn about and preserve the past through projects involving artifacts, oral histories, sites, museums or landmarks that exist in their own neighborhoods.

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## TOWN

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were busy transporting those suspects to the jail at the time Strickland came through the checkpoint.

Strickland also mentioned a concern over a reserve officer yelling at motorists and delivering orders. He said he did not feel a reserve should be given such authority to treat motorists in that manner. Grimes agreed and said the particular situation in which Strickland was citing had already been addressed.

Another concern Strickland brought before the council during Monday's meeting was that of 'no parking' signs being placed in front of some homes along Hwy. 84 leading into downtown New Brockton.

Town clerk Annette Williams said the signs were not placed by town officials. Instead, she said the state highway department placed the signs after the bus supervisor for the county school system expressed concern for his bus drivers not being able to see well with vehicles parked in front of the homes. She said the concern was over a safety issue.

Strickland said there are more safety issues across the town than just this particular area. Furthermore, he said he has never had a problem seeing oncoming traffic in that area.

Barbara Herron told council members the town's annual Christmas Parade is scheduled for the first Saturday in December. She said she needs help with the parade and encouraged anyone interested in helping to attend a meeting Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

In other business, council members:

- Approved a motion to proceed with a rezoning request from the planning and zoning commission. A public hearing was held prior to Monday's meeting on this matter.
- Approved to indefinitely extend the one-cent sales and

use tax for the town.

• Tabled several items including an amendment to the town's business license schedule, approval of the FY 2008 budget and a discussion regarding use of the town hall building as a Red Cross shelter. In regards to the Red Cross shelter, Herron said an architect's report was not favorable for using the building as a shelter in its current condition.

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## Elba BOE adopts FY 2008 budget

by Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met Tuesday evening, Sept. 11, in the board room. Board members waded through the usual monthly reports, adopted the annual budget and a host of other state or federally required systemwide plans.

Superintendent Danny Weeks told the members that the system would end the fiscal year with less money in the General Fund than was there at the same time last year. He explained that continuing drops in enrollment and state mandated pay raises combine to cut into the reserves.

Most state funds are tied directly to the enrollment numbers. Pay raises given by the Legislature do not supply funds for locally funded teacher units and the law required that all teachers get the raises. The raises for the locally funded units must come from the local funds,

thus reducing the balances in these accounts.

The school system is flush with capital projects money, but by law this can't be used for anything but buildings and equipment and then only after getting written approval from the state department.

In addition to adopting the budget, board members discussed and adopted: FY 2008 Transportation Plan; FY 2008 Capital Plan; FY 2008 Alabama Reading First budget and the FY 2008 Technology Plan.

Approved High Hopes Advisory Board and ASAP planning team; Approved Alabama Student Assistance Plan and awarded Community Agency Fund to Family Services for \$8,813.00; Approved a resolution to the state Department of Education urging support for federal

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## New Brockton Elementary student receives wheelchair from truck drivers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton Elementary School student Courtney Sconyers this week became the recipient of a generous donation from a group of truck drivers employed by Wal-Mart.

The truck drivers, known as the Wal-Mart Heart Drivers, delivered a new wheelchair to the school this week for Sconyers, a fourth grade student at NBES. As Courtney and his classmates gathered in the school's library, they were told the Wal-Mart Heart Drivers were going to "share that heart with us today."

According to Reggie McDonald, one of three truck drivers at the school on Tuesday, Sept. 18, the Wal-Mart Heart Drivers is a program started by truck drivers within the company that have a heart and want to use those hearts to help kids with needs.

Robert Sconyers, Courtney's dad, said his son has to use a wheelchair because of a short femur. The Sconyers reside in the Shiloh community between Elba and New Brockton.

McDonald said he became aware of Courtney and his problems last year when he visited New Brockton Elementary during career day.

"Courtney touched my heart when I met him last year," said McDonald.

After presenting Courtney with his new wheelchair which is larger than the one Courtney was using at the time of Tuesday's presentation, the truck drivers made several other presentations.

"Courtney, you're our special guy this morning," McDonald said.

The truck drivers also presented Courtney with a certificate recognizing him as an honorary truck driver for the



A very special presentation was made Tuesday, Sept. 18, at New Brockton Elementary School when fourth grade student Courtney Sconyers received a new wheelchair from the Wal-Mart Heart Drivers. The wheelchair presented to Sconyers reportedly is larger than the one he was using at the time of the presentation. The new wheelchair should accommodate him through his high school years and possibly beyond. As the truck drivers revealed the new wheelchair to Courtney, he immediately moved into his new chair. The truck drivers also presented Courtney with a certificate (above) recognizing him as an honorary truck driver for the day. The Wal-Mart Heart Drivers organize and pick out various projects to help children and other people with special needs. Wal-Mart Heart Drivers present at NBES on Tuesday included Phillip Hargrove, Reggie McDonald and Lamar Edwards. Also present for the presentation was Courtney's dad, Robert Sconyers.

day. Driver Lamar Edwards briefly spoke about the various safety issues the Wal-Mart truck drivers are dedicated to following and teaching others about.

"Remember," he said to the students, "If there's a Wal-Mart driver around,

there's somebody cares for you."

McDonald closed the presentation by announcing the truck drivers also had brought a second wheelchair to donate to New Brockton Elementary School. He said this wheelchair is for the school's use in case it's needed for some reason.

## Coffee County BOE members vote to adopt FY2008 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met last Thursday, Sept. 13, and voted to adopt the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram noted the financial outlook for the school system still looks good. She added that the school system is spending more money to upgrade facilities.

The total revenues for the FY2008 budget equal \$21,032,022. From that figure \$15,244,330 are state revenues, \$1,831,532 are federal revenues, \$3,931,160 are local revenues and \$25,000 are from other sources.

The total expenditures for the approved budget equal \$22,852,263. This includes \$10,724,615 for instructional services, \$2,753,486 for instructional support services, \$1,853,744 for operation and maintenance, \$2,406,228 for auxiliary services, \$740,774 for general administrative services, \$3,823,000 for capital outlay, \$412,819 for debt services and \$137,567 for other expenditures.

The beginning fund balance (Oct. 1) will be \$6,583,446 with an ending fund balance (Sept. 30) of \$4,861,972.

Upon Dr. Ingram's recommendation, board members voted unanimously to approve the FY2008 budget as presented.

Two public hearings were held prior to approval of the budget for input from the community.

Board members did note that the budget, as always, is a work in progress.

The only other action taken by board members during last Thursday's meeting involved personnel.

Dr. Ingram presented board members with a few personnel recommendations, and board members voted unanimously to approve the recommendations.

Personnel matters recommended and approved included:

• Permission to advertise for a certified teacher - PASS (Promoting Alabama Student Success) Grant.

• Accept the resignation of Kimberly Kilpatrick - CNP worker at New Brockton High School.

• Approve the employment of Dianne Sexton - CNP worker at New Brockton High School.

In regards to the PASS teacher, Dr. Ingram said the school system received a \$100,000 grant for this program.

The next regular board meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the BOE office in Elba.

## Area Happenings

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** will be held Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:00 PM, at the Elba Elks Lodge, 1000 N. Main St. The theme for this year's meeting is "Celebration - Past, Present, Future."

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## Meet the Coffee County EMS Team

Thad Fleming joined the Coffee County EMS team approximately three months ago and currently services as a Paramedic.

His training includes NREMT-P, ACLS, PEPP, BLS-Instructor and ITLS.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job, Fleming said, "the constantly changing environment that tests you every day."

Fleming also said his most memorable experience on the job was when he revived three dogs that were trapped in a house fire.

His hobbies and interests include reading, outdoor activities and cooking.

Thad's family includes his wife, two children, two stepchildren and three grandchildren. He is also employed by Picher's Ambulance Service, located in Dothan.



Paramedic Thad Fleming



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Fern Cox

O. J. Simpson seems to stay in the news but this week the headlines are sure enough not good for him. Press reports paint a picture of a man who thinks the laws are not meant for him. That may or may not be the case, but he is in a lot of trouble this time around. Simpson is in jail on charges stemming from reports he and several friends barged into a hotel room in Las Vegas and took Simpson memorabilia (plus some other items). Simpson told the press in Vegas that it was his stuff . . . others disagree. Anyway there are reports of guns being flashed around during the episode and that will make the charges more serious. Millions of people in the U.S. feel O. J. got away with killing his ex-wife and is flaunting it. They want to see the 60 year former football star jailed for a long time over this incident. Expect this to be in the news for months and months, regardless of the final outcome.

As an afterthought, O. J. might consider getting a new set of "friends." One of the men he got to go with him to the hotel room admits he is the individual who tape recorded everything which was said . . . and turned it over to law enforcement officials. The recorded verbal exchange doesn't sound good for the Juice.

All our life, especially as an impressionable child, we have heard scary hair raising stories of people being buried alive, fingernail scratches inside dug up coffins, etc., but in Venezuela there is a real life story, this time with a survivor. A 33 year old man was declared dead following a highway accident. In the morgue an exam was underway when he sat up after feeling excruciating pain when medical examiners cut his face as they began an ordered autopsy. Hospital officials were unavailable for comment, but the man reportedly displayed a facial scar and a document ordering the autopsy. Horror of horrors.

Alabama Attorney General Troy King is going the extra mile in his effort to be tough on crime. That of course steps on some toes. This week that "step on toe" pain is coming out as a group of District Attorneys rally around one of their own. Troy stepped in to take over a death penalty case in North Alabama that is being retried after the DA in that county agreed in court that the death penalty wasn't right for the Number Two man, since the convicted killer's death sentence was overturned (he was legally a juvenile). The AG has said publicly that he feels the death penalty is still the way to go in the case of this adult. There are claims of "politics" etc., as the offending DA openly supported another man for the AG job in the last election. That is a charge King strongly denies. Stay tuned to this one folks, it will be interesting to see the outcome.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 10, 2007, investigated the following incidents: two for harassment, one attempted suicide, one domestic violence, one property damage, one harassing communications and one theft of property.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment and one arrest on warrant. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, two for no proof of insurance, two for violation of the seat belt law, one for violation of the noise ordinance, three for no insurance and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 81 County Rd. 418 (12:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 411 Adkins St. (7:51 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1152 Neil Grantham Dr. (9:19 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 822 Roosevelt (9:18 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1317 Highland Dr. (3:05 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Powell Circle, Lot 12 (7:04 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 166 and Hwy. 84 (11:24 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 977 N. Claxton

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13** - Wreck reported on Hwy. 166 at the high school (5:54 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 2751 Marilyn St. (7:49 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 137 Plant Ave. (12:33 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 930 Carver Dr. (5:04 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in the Mulberry Park area (11:49 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2751 Marilyn St. (7:49 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 137 Plant Ave. (12:33 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 930 Carver Dr. (5:04 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in the Mulberry Park area (11:49 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15** - Domestic disturbance reported at 1229 Martin Luther King Dr. (12:39 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 6813 County Rd. 410 (11:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1682 County Rd. 110 (9:24 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16** - Possible wreck reported across from 2318 Taylor Mill Rd. (1:20 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at the boat ramp (9:24 p.m.).

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## Shelby seeks Service Academy applicants

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today announced that applications are available for United States Service Academy nominations. The service academies include the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

"I hope that many young people in Alabama will consider applying to our nation's service academies to further their education," said Shelby. "The service academies provide outstanding educational opportunities while instilling the virtues of leadership."

## Enterprise Boll Weevil Festival planned for October 27th

The Downtown Unlimited Committee of Commerce is now accepting applications from vendors for the 2007 Boll Weevil Fall Festival to be held in downtown Enterprise on October 27th from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Vendors who wish to participate can obtain an application from the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce at 553 Glover Avenue during business hours, or by written request at: P.O. Box 310577, Enterprise, AL 36330. Application requests can be made by e-mail to chamber@entercomp.com or by calling 334-347-0581. The deadline for receipt of all completed applications is October 18th.

## EOCC announced mini-term

Enterprise-Ozark Community College's second mini-term will begin October 11. Registration is on-going for the numerous courses available for students to pick up prior to the spring semester in January. At the Enterprise campus, classes are scheduled for days and evenings.

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## Identity thief warning from the IRS

By: Dan Boone  
IRS Media Specialist

I am personally seeing an increase this month of reports from local taxpayers, tax practitioners and members of the media who are receiving e-mails that appear to be from the IRS. Remember: The IRS does not ever initiate contact using e-mail. If you get an unsolicited e-mail that appears to come from the IRS, it is definitely a fake and may be dangerous. Read below to avoid possible damage to your computer or the threat of identity theft. Warnings and instructions for recipients of these fake e-mails:

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5. If you think you may have a tax refund due that you have not yet received, contact the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.
6. If you believe you have been the victim of a tax scam, contact the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration toll-free at 1-800-366-4484.

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• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP** Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213  
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday 6 p.m. - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. City Hall  
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall  
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Ozark Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office  
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tues. of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.  
• **MASONIC LODGE 178** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.  
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School  
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House  
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** 3rd Wed. Noon - Pk. Folks, Enterprise  
• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M. the FBO office at the Airport  
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room  
• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.  
• **ELBA KWANS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

## Red Cross to teach new CPR class next week

The American Red Cross is offering CPR classes September 24, 25 & 27. Call Janet McCrummen to register. 334-347-2461.

Recertification's available Monday through Friday \$ 20.00 call Janet to schedule an appointment 334-347-2461.

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## ENSTO THE ED

Dear Editor,  
On the night of September 11, 2007, I witnessed a game like never before. I've played, coached and attended games for 35 years, so I've seen it all...or so I thought.

The Zion Chapel varsity volleyball team took the girls due to injury. We had to play hard, and we did. The girls won the first game with a score of 25 to 14. We lost the second game 21 to 25.

It was the third game that made everything stand still. With the score 13 to 9 our way, a player went down. Brooke Simson was helped off the court, and we were down to 5 players. Jane Hall - 11th grade, Heather Hines and Nicole Hollaway - 10th grade, Kelli Behrens - 9th grade, and Cheyenne Nelson - 8th grade, made up the 5 man team. Fives girls that pulled together with a determination that set them apart from any team I've seen. They finished the game with a 25 to 23 win over Elba.

Game 4 went to Elba 11 to 25, but the Lady Rebels never gave up. They covered, called and gave 100%. With 2 wins for each team we had to play the tie-breaker 5th game. The girls never quit and were relentless in the 5-man attack. They lost 19 to 17 but were anything but losers. I have never been so proud of anyone as I was of those 5 young ladies. They played with more heart and determination than any team I've seen. They left the court in tears...not because they lost but because they gave it their all.

They showed pride in themselves and teammates by never giving up, but giving their all. Everyone covering for everyone yet holding down their positions. They played with more heart and soul than any team before them. They were determined to be winners...and they are: Not by what the scoreboard showed but by the dignity, determination, and pride they displayed.

Everyone on and off the court knew the same and felt the pride and effort that these young ladies possessed. Real pride—REBEL PRIDE.  
Sincerely,  
Donna Arnold  
Rebel Mom

Dear Editor,  
Our good friend Fern Cox is at it again! (Brainstorms, September 13, 2007). Hasn't he noticed how much better off Alabama is since we voted Siegelman out of office? Fern might be unhappy that Siegelman is sitting in jail, but a lot of folks, including us, think he is right where he belongs.  
Respectfully,  
J. M. Guerrero

Dear Linda,  
Every year about this time, the Evergreen Cemetery Committee conducts a mail out and fund drive to seek donations for the upkeep of the cemetery. Evergreen Cemetery has been a perpetual fund but the interest from these funds is not enough to properly care for the cemetery. This additional funding comes from lot sales, memorial gifts, and donations. If any of your readers would like to contribute to the cemetery with a donation, they can send it to: Evergreen Cemetery • C/O City of Elba • 200 Buford Street • Elba, AL 36323. Many people in our area do genealogical and family history research. In 2005 the East (old) side of the cemetery was surveyed and the information from the headstones was put into a database. This information is now available on the Internet. The web address is: [www.rootsweb.com/us/genweb/alcoffeecemetery.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/us/genweb/alcoffeecemetery.htm). The Cemetery Committee welcomes any suggestions or comments, negative or positive, that anyone has about the cemetery. Sincerely,  
Herby McCall, Chairman  
Evergreen Cemetery Committee

**FOCUSSED FACTS**

## How Americans Helped Create the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

In June 1873, a group of Montana whiskey traders killed twenty-two unarmed Cree Indians in Alberta, Canada. In response, the Canadian government authorized the creation of the Northwest Mounted Police (NWMP), which later changed its name to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

The killings occurred at Cypress Hills after someone stole horses belonging to the whiskey traders. Believing the Indians to be the thieves, the Montanans descended upon the Indians' encampment. As many of the dead were women and children, the incident was called the Cypress Hills Massacre.

A career military officer by the name of George French was selected to organize the

new police force. By early the following summer, he had recruited and trained nearly four hundred new police officers.

On July 8, 1874 two hundred and seventy-five of them left the new NWMP headquarters at Fort Dufferin, which was located on the eastern edge of the Great Plains. Reaching their destination required an eight hundred mile westward trek, better known as The Great March. Their goals were to stop the whiskey trade, to bring law and order to the Canadian West, and to apprehend those responsible for the Cypress Hills massacre.

They followed a route that ran parallel to the American border. For two months the men endured extreme hardships that included lack

The Diary of Henri Julien  
Henri Julien was an illustrator and journalist who worked for the Canadian Illustrated News. At the invitation of the commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police, he accompanied them on the Great March West. This resource is his diary, and includes many of the illustrations he made during the journey.

Web Address:  
<http://tinyurl.com/6o4qe>

The Romance of the Mounted Police  
Published in 1899, this is a chapter from the book Pictures from Canadian History for Boys







# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Erica Daniels &  
Kelly Corder

### Student Spotlight

by Erica Daniels

This week's student spotlight focuses on KaShundra Hardwick.

KaShundra is the 16-year-old daughter of Rita Gray, and is currently a freshman at Elba High. She is a youth member of the Rocky Head Baptist Church.

KaShundra's hobbies include talking on the phone, hanging out with family and friends and shopping. She is interested in collecting belts and stuffed animals. After graduation she plans to attend law school.

KaShundra describes herself as smart, pretty, nice and fun to hangout with.



KaShundra Hardwick

### Students attend assembly focused on dangers of drinking and driving

by Erica Daniels

During an assembly held Wednesday, Sept. 12, Superintendent Danny Weeks introduced the speakers and welcomed students to the auditorium.

The sophomores, juniors and seniors of Elba High School assembled in the auditorium to hear special speakers discuss the dangers of drinking and driving.

Officer Dean Blair and Alabama State Trooper Tracy Nelson were the speakers. Officer Blair spoke about making a difference in life and

in the lives of others. His advice to the students was, "life isn't guaranteed, so make the best of your life."

Trooper Nelson spoke to the students about the high number of traffic fatalities in Alabama. He reported that over 7,000 people have been killed in Alabama since 9-11.

Trooper Nelson said, "seat belts and alcohol are involved in almost all wrecks, and almost 3 people each day die in Alabama."

Trooper Nelson also explained, "If you want to be treated like an adult, act like an adult. If you want respect, give it."



### Lady Tigers continue volleyball season

by April Price

The Elba Lady Tigers JV and Varsity volleyball teams were scheduled for a tri tournament at Straughn on Tuesday, Sept. 4. When they arrived, they soon learned that their second opponent, Geneva, wasn't going to play; so they prepared for wins against Straughn.

The JV team played first and was successful in their match, winning the first two of their 2 out of 3.

On the other hand, the varsity team wasn't as victorious. Although their first two games ended with winning scores of 25-20 and 25-17, the varsity

ladies couldn't pull it together again on the third game and lost 17-25.

Hoping to conquer Straughn, the Elba Lady Tigers tried a fourth time, but fell short with a sad loss of 15-25. The final game had everyone expectant, but sadly Elba lost once again with an ending score of 14-16.

When asked what she thought was the downfall of their match, former Elba Lady Tiger, April Price, said, "Irreconcilable differences and the inability to pull a team together will always lead to disaster."

On the brighter side, the Elba Lady Tigers won against New Brockton Thursday, Sept. 6.

### Elba FFA Chapter holds annual peanut boil

by Megan Anderson

On Thursday, Sept. 6, the Elba High School FFA Chapter held its annual peanut boil.

The event began at 5 p.m. as chapter president Bradley Wilson opened the meeting and introduced the guest speaker for the evening, wildlife officer Mike Cox, Coffee County Game Warden.

Officer Cox spoke about the importance of a hunting and fishing license and the safety procedures for hunting, as well as current rules and regulations of hunting. Approximately 60 people were in attendance, including FFA members, students and adults.

After Officer Cox's presentation, the group enjoyed some good 'ole fashioned southern hospitality of conversation and boiled peanuts. This year's FFA Peanut Boil was a huge success!

Visit the Elba City Schools website at: [www.elbaed.com](http://www.elbaed.com)



FFA members prepare cups filled with peanuts during the club's annual peanut boil held Thursday evening, Sept. 6.

### Elba High School hosts College Fair for area students

by Yoquesha Terry

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, Elba High School hosted a college fair for area juniors and seniors.

Juniors and seniors from EHS, as well as students from Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel attended the college fair. The fair included more than 10 colleges from across Alabama and each of the military services.

Each student was given the opportunity to talk to a representative and ask any questions he or she wanted to know. There was also a table set up with brochures and information for each college. Students also had the opportunity to sign up for the mailing list for each college.

The fair was a huge success, enabling students to have new college options and to better prepare for their future.

### Grandparent's Day held at Elba Elementary School

by Kimberly Blue

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, Elba Elementary School held its annual Grandparent's Day starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 10:30 a.m.

It was a day of great excitement as the student's grandparents came and saw how the classes operated. Each class demonstrated different activities to keep the grandparents interested in the things the students do.

A few of the classes that presented something special for the grandparents were as follows: Mrs. Kelley's kindergarten class, Mrs. O'Neal's first grade class, Mrs. Johnson's second grade class, Mrs. Johnson's third grade class, Mrs. Dye's fourth grade class, Mrs. Grimes' fifth grade class and Mrs. Crowe's sixth grade class.

The majority of the classes provided activities such as interviews for their grandparents, pictures the students colored of their grandparents and an introduction of the grandparents to their class.

The students also showed their grandparents around the school. Approximately 200 grandparents attended the annual Grandparent's Day. The grandparents also enjoyed refreshments that were presented by the school's PTO.

As 10:30 came around, the grandparents started departing as the students said their goodbyes.



A student is shown looking at information provided by the University of Alabama during the College Fair.



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All in all, Grandparent's Day was a success.

### Elba defeats Headland in region game

by Karen Huckabaa

On Friday, Sept. 7, the Elba Tigers took the field fired up for their football game against the Headland Rams.

The stands were packed with cheering Elba fans. Quarterback

Trey Martin stated: "It was sloppy, but it felt good to win. Elba fumbled the ball away on its first play from scrimmage but came to life on its second offensive possession as the Tigers ran 70 yards to reach the Headland 10-yardline."

Number 33 Dakell Berry added, "It was crazy the defense had a great night, and we came out with a win." Carlos Matias gained an amazing 63 yards on 8 carries and pulled in one pass for a 10-yard gain. The game ended in a triumph for the Elba Tigers, the score 28 to 6.

The Elba Marching Tiger Band performed a fantastic show at half time, underscoring their hard work under new instructor, Shawn Hammonds. The great show by both the team and the band gave the fans plenty to cheer about on their way back to Elba!



by Kiera Robertson



This week's teacher spotlight is Coach Wynn Grimes. Coach Grimes is the son of James Grimes (Mayor of Elba) and Henrietta Grimes. He has one sibling, Lisa Grimes.

Coach Grimes graduated from Troy State University, and he now has a position at Elba High School as 7th-12th grade history teacher. He has been a teacher for 13 years now, and he has taught only at Elba High School.

Coach Grimes is also the assistant football coach for the Elba Tigers Varsity football team and head coach of the Golf Team. One can catch this jolly coach, running up and down the sidelines on Friday nights, cheering on the Elba Tigers or in the hallways of EHS screaming Roll Tide when he's not hard at work in his classroom.

### Announcements:

- **TO COMMUNITY, ELBA ELEMENTARY, AND ELBA HIGH SCHOOL:** Contact Jane Moseley about this year's Homecoming parade line up. This year's theme is "Classic Rock from the 50s, 60s and 70s." Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 28.
- **VARSITY FOOTBALL:** Elba vs Slocomb, Friday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21
- **J.V. FOOTBALL:** Elba vs Brantley Oct. 2
- **VOLLEYBALL:** Elba vs Opp (Home) Sept. 24; Elba vs Andalusia (Away) Sept. 25
- **SCA T-SHIRTS** are now on sale (\$10.00)
- **BAND CALENDARS** are now on sale. (\$5.00)

### Elba J.V. defeats Straughn Tigers

by Kelly Corder

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the Elba Junior Varsity Tigers journeyed to battle the Straughn Tigers.

The Elba squad came out strong. Gunnar McCollough, Tiger quarterback for the Elba Tigers, played a great game, throwing three touchdown passes with no interceptions.

One defense was also strong holding the Straughn team scoreless until the final moments of the game. In the end, the Elba boys came out on top, 18 to 6.

With both a strong offense and defense, the season should prove fruitful.

Bethany Wilson, a junior varsity cheerleader said, "The boys did well. I am glad the Tigers won."

The J.V. cheerleaders did a great job of motivating the football players against Straughn.



The Elba Junior Varsity cheerleaders cheer the Tigers to victory over the Straughn Tigers.

# SCHOOLS

## Focus on Faculty

by Brittany Layton & Brittany Cardwell

Name: Allen Maness  
Position at ZC: Elementary P.E.  
When is your birthday? February 29  
How long have you been teaching? This is my fourth year.

What do you think about Zion Chapel? The biggest thing I've noticed is how respectful the kids are.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? Working with young kids.

What are your hobbies? Playing golf.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Football and Basketball.

What is your biggest achievement? Winning the 3A AISA Football State Championship.

What college(s) did you attend? Troy University.

Auburn or Alabama? Auburn.

Name: Brandon Davis  
Position at ZC: Reading  
When is your birthday? November 23

How long have you been teaching? This is my fourth year.

What do you think about Zion Chapel? It is wonderful!

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I really enjoy helping my students.

What are your hobbies? My kids and church! There isn't any time left after that.

What is your biggest achievement? Graduating from college. Do you have any children? If so, how many? Yes! Three: Dillon, 15; Brianna, 4; Brodie, 8 months.

What college(s) did you attend? Troy University.

Auburn or Alabama? Alabama

Name: Casey Hughes  
Position at ZC: Secretary  
When is your birthday? November 28, 1975

What do you think about Zion Chapel? Great people with warm hospitality.

What are your hobbies? Playing with my children and shopping.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Member of Christ Community Church of God.

What is your biggest achievement? Being a mom.

What is your most embarrassing moment? While walking down my sidewalk, being a bit nosey and trying to spy on my neighbor, I fell down in front of the company I was with!

Do you have any children? If so, how many? Yes; Three: Sara, Gavin, and Taylor.

Auburn or Alabama? War Eagle!!!

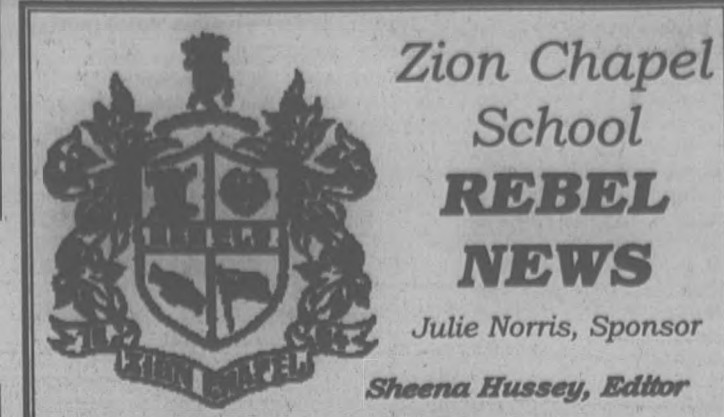
### Assemblies with purpose planned for ZC students

by Kyle Tankersley & Cregg Rushing

This year, principal Bob Hartwell has come up with some new assemblies that are designed to bring the students together for a meaningful and honorable program.

These assemblies will invite people from the community in and help needs outside of school. People will be recognized for their outstanding achievements that they have accomplished. Also, they will broaden the student's horizons.

The first assembly was scheduled for Sept. 14, which was the second Friday in September.



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Sheena Hussey, Editor



**BAND OFFICERS** (by Kyle Tankersley and Cregg Rushing). The new 2007 band officers have been elected. Drew Little (top left) is the sergeant, and his responsibilities include loading and unloading the band trailer and transporting water coolers to and from practices. Rebecca Thomson, band captain, keeps order over the entire band. Caitlin White, drum major, directs the band. Chelsia Flowers is the secretary and head majorette. Hillary Davis, lieutenant, keeps the uniforms presentable and in order. Co-captain of the colorguard is Carol Ann Banks. Savannah Cole, colorguard captain, is over the entire colorguard. Landon Peters (bottom right) is the drum captain. Librarian Kayla Tracy keeps up with all music and keeps it in an orderly fashion (not pictured).

### Norris/Watson sponsor senior class

by Cristen Patterson & Stephanie Berry

The Zion Chapel High School senior class sponsors are Julie Norris and Paige Watson.

This is the first year that Norris and Watson have sponsored the senior class. They take care of the seniors' schedules or events that involve the seniors.

Norris helps seniors prepare for college by helping them with

resumes and other information needed for college and scholarship applications. Both sponsors were responsible for the organization of Senior Parent Night.

They are in charge of making the seniors wear appropriate dress for honors day and graduation. They instruct the seniors how to sit and act properly during graduation. They also remind the seniors about how to be good role models.

### Altrusa donates dictionaries to students in recognition of International Literacy Day

by Rod Rider & Tiffany Bryan

On Friday, Sept. 7, in recognition of International Literacy Day, Altrusa International of Jack presented third and eighth graders at Zion Chapel Schools with a personal Merriam Webster age-appropriate dictionary.

Third graders at ZC have been recipients of the "Dictionaries for Word Watchers" project for the past four years. Eighth graders were also recipients this year.

Altrusa also sponsors the Jack Day Walk for Literacy, Reading Makes Cents, and gives scholarships to graduating seniors.

Altrusa in response to an expressed concern of their teachers.

Altrusa of Jack maintains constant communication with the school in order to provide literacy services whenever possible. Altrusa is a community service organization in Jack whose primary goal is to promote literacy.

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### ZC conducting after school AHSGE prep classes

by Rod Rider & Tiffany Bryan

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Kimberly Braisted teaches the after school preparatory class to juniors and seniors who have not yet passed the social studies part of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE).

This preparatory class is a free tutorial given to the students and Mrs. Braisted is the only person who offers this class.

"It's no study hall, but it's a

Spanish IV offered as elective at ZC

by Stephanie Berry & Summer Parker

This year, Spanish IV is being offered as a new elective combined with Spanish III. Spanish IV is a course designed to help students to plan to minor or major in Spanish. It will also help a student interested in taking a Clep test. This will allow students to possibly skip the beginner classes and start at the intermediate level.

The students are thankful for

The course reviews basic grammar and also adds literature and conversation skills. The class is primarily taught in Spanish.

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have never been a real fan of cell phones, but since the girls have both moved to Troy I will admit I use the phone more than ever as I try at least once a day to check on them and make sure everything is okay. As an old fashioned Dad, I still get concerned when they don't answer, and will pretty much keep calling until at least one answers. Hey, I don't care where they live, they are still my little girls, and just hearing their voice makes a big difference.

### ELBA GETS BIG REGION WIN ON THE ROAD

The Elba Tigers improved to 2-0 in the region last week with a 27-7 road win over Dale County, and all of the sudden the Tigers appear to have a real shot at possibly getting the home field advantage in the opening round of the playoffs. I know the season is young and there are still five region games left on the schedule. However, this time a year ago the Tigers were 0-3 and had yet to even score a point. Elba has now bounced back from its disappointing loss to Brantley to post two region wins on the road, and with three of the remaining region games at home, the Tigers have to like where they are sitting after three weeks of action. It was obvious last week that Dale County was worried about the Tigers' running attack. So, the Tigers came out passing and rode the hot arm of Trey Martin to grab an early lead. Martin completed his first eight passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns, and that forced Dale County to change its plans and loosen up its defensive front. Once they did that, Elba went to its running game, and in the fourth quarter alone eighth-grader Michel Lindsey ran for almost 100 yards and two more scores. Now that the Elba offense has proven it can move the ball on the ground and in the air, it should make opposing coaches play honest on defense and not load up to stop one particular thing.

### AREA TEAMS GO 2-1 ON WET WEEK OF PLAY

The wet weather Friday night got everyone wet, but it wasn't quite as wet on the sidelines at New Brockton or Brantley as both teams claimed big region wins. Here's a quick look back....

\*\*\* **New Brockton (2-1)** outscored previously unbeaten Geneva County 34-26 and all of the sudden are very much alive in the region race. The Gamecocks made big plays on both offense and defense throughout the game, and every time Geneva County would score, they would answer the score to keep their hopes alive. New Brockton has been a little hard to figure out so far this season. However, they may be ready to take a giant step forward and play like the team they were expected to be.

\*\*\* **Brantley (3-0)** had little problem with Zion Chapel as the Bulldogs raced out to a 32-0 halftime lead and then splashed their way to a 38-8 win. The Bulldogs used the game as an opportunity to try a few wrinkles on offense and to get a lot of younger players actual game experience. From that standpoint it was a successful night. Other than that, it was little more than a scrimmage as the Bulldogs scored almost at will and made it look easy, again.

\*\*\* **Kinston (0-3)** celebrated homecoming against Providence and fell to 0-3 on the season with a 36-7 region loss to the Eagles. The Bulldogs had their chances early to make it a game, but once the rains started falling so did their hopes of a comeback. The game was called in the third quarter after a long delay for lightning and heavy rain. So, at least maybe the Kinston students made it to the dance on time, even if they got soaked at the ball game.

\*\*\* **Zion Chapel (0-3)** rolled up over 200 yards of total offense in its 38-8 loss to Brantley, and found its passing game in the process. The Rebels trailed big at the half and were never really in position to win, but played hard for all four quarters and showed improvement in a couple of areas. The Rebels need something good to happen to pump confidence into the players and fans, and when it happens - look out for these guys to pull off a few surprises.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

\*\*\* Alabama scored late to escape with a wild 41-38 win over Arkansas, and the late heroics made most Tide fans forget the fact Alabama blew an early three-touchdown lead and John Parker Wilson once again looked like anything but a polished college quarterback. It was a great win for the Crimson Tide, and to win in the fourth quarter is always extra sweet for the players. However, there are many more battles ahead and a lot more football left to play.

\*\*\* Auburn lost for the second straight week, and many Tiger fans

don't know how to act after several years of nothing but success. My Auburn buddy predicted back before the season began the Tigers would lose at least one of their opening three games, and last week said Mississippi State would get after them. Even though he is a die-hard Auburn fan, he does see things that are happening up on the plains and now feels more upsets could occur as changes are made for the future.

\*\*\* Troy has to be commended for its big win over Oklahoma State. The Trojans played two of the top teams in the nation the opening two weeks on the road and lost both games. My guess was the Trojans were beat up and might not have much left against the high-scoring Cowboys. Boy was I wrong! Troy came out ready to play and simply ran the Cowboys off the field in one of its most impressive wins ever. The only bad thing about the win is that now many other so-called "big name" teams might refuse to visit South Alabama.

\*\*\* The Elba youth football teams hosted Brantley last weekend and for the first time ever swept their opponents from Crenshaw County. The Midget Tigers posted a 32-6 win, while the Termites Tigers won 8-0 and the Pee Wee Tigers won 14-0. Brantley has been the power in the league for many years and will no doubt get better as the season rolls along. However, last weekend it was the youngsters in the black and gold that posted the wins and did the celebrating.

### POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PREDICTS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by late Sunday afternoon and declared that now Auburn fans know how the Alabama fans have felt in recent years. The local football guessperter also bragged a little on Elba and New Brockton, then left this week's picks. Oh yeah, he posted a 26-6 record last week to move his season totals to 74-19, and appears to be on a roll!

### ELBA VS. SLOCOMB

The Pea River felines enjoyed their trip over to the Wiregrass last weekend and will get the chance to play in their own back yard this week in another region contest. Some folks in TigerTown reported seeing a scouting party along the banks of the Pea, and if that is the case, the felines better circle their wagons and prepare for an invasion. The felines may lose some fur, but should survive with a win.

### ELBA 26 SLOCOMB 25

### BRANTLEY VS. ARITON

The Bulldogs from across the river made it look easy again last week, and this week will host a litter of funny looking kitties that will come to town looking to put an end to the Bulldogs long region-winning streak. The kitties do have a few weapons on their side and may dent the fence at the dog pound. However, when the game ends the kitties should be on the run heading back out of town.

### BRANTLEY 35 ARITON 7

## Tigers have chance to up region record to 3-0 with win over Slocomb Red Tops

The Elba Tigers will be looking to run their winning streak to three games and remain undefeated in the region Friday night when they host the surprising Slocomb Red Tops, in a key region encounter for both teams.

The Tigers improved to 2-0 in region play last week with a big 27-7 road win over Dale County, while the Warriors also moved to 2-0 in the region with a 34-6 romp past Headland.

"Slocomb went 0-10 last season and no one really paid it a lot of attention prior to the season," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "but they got back their best running back from two years back and had a big 245-pound lineman move in from Northview. These two guys made a difference, and have made the players around them better. Slocomb is for real, and will be fired up Friday night when they come over here knowing a win will almost certainly put them in the state playoffs."

Slocomb, coached by Jeff Mitchell, struggled to an 0-10

season in 2006, but returns several starters on defense and six on offense, and hopes were high over in Red Top country that the losing ways of the past were indeed in the past.

"These kids were as tired as losing as I was," said Coach Mitchell in a pre-season interview. "When you get to the lowest point, you have to make a decision if you are going to stay there or do whatever you have to do to go up. Last year we were so young we were not to keep it real simple. We were not very strong and definitely not very fast. In the off-season, the kids re-committed themselves to the weight program and got faster and stronger."

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### KINSTON VS. FLORALA

The bullpups from down near the county line will leave their pen again this week and wander around their home field with hopes of hanging a big "W" on their side of the gate. While it never hurts to wish for things, this week don't look for the wish to come true, as a litter of wild kitties from down near the state line will head to town looking to get fat on puppy chow. I hope the pups will find at least a few scraps after the kitties leave.

### FLORALA 46 KINSTON 12

### ZION CHAPEL VS. MCKENZIE

The troops from up at Fort Jack have been reinforcing the walls this week getting ready for a visit from a batch of felines from over in the deep woods of Butler County. The felines have been scratched and clawed anyone that has gotten in their way as they have worked their way through the schedule, and this week they plan to leave their mark at the fort. Hope the wall holds up!

### MCKENZIE 40 ZION CHAPEL 0

### OTHER PICKS:

Cottonwood 21 New Brockton 14  
Providence Ch. 31 Pleasant Home 16  
Horseshoe Bend 20 Barbour County 18  
Keith 29 Bayside 12  
Excel 22 Red Level 6  
Geneva County 27 Samson 13  
Leroy 21 Georgiana 7  
Goshen 26 Loachapoka 20  
Highland Home 33 Lanett 29  
Houston Academy 23 G.W. Long 7  
Wicksburg 21 Houston County 15  
Luverne 20 Reelstown 8  
Geneva 26 Abbeville 22  
Dale County 21 Headland 7  
Pike County 28 Straughn 13  
Andalusia 48 Bullock County 6  
Ashford 22 Alabama Ch. 17  
Daleville 22 Opp 20  
Escambia Co. 27 Hillcrest 0  
T.R. Miller 17 Monroe County 8  
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B.T. Washington 12 Rehobeth 8  
Smiths Station 21 Dothan 13  
Enterprise 17 Central PC 14  
Stanhope Elmore 20 Jeff Davis 16  
Opelika 35 Northview 3

a real run at he region title. Last season Abbeville sneaked up on offense, and hopes were high over in Red Top country that the losing ways of the past were indeed in the past.

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break a long run, and we have to look up on hi to prevent any big plays. The defense has shown improvement in the last two games, and this week will get put to the test once again. This week's game is a big game, and one we need to win if we are to continue to move our program in the right direction. It won't be easy, but that is okay with us. We know we have to work hard to win, no matter the opponent, and will have that mentality when we take the field Friday night."

When asked about last week's win over Dale County, Coach Rials stated "Whatever you win a region game on the road it is a big win, and that was what Friday night's game was for us. On offense we were able to take what they gave us, and were successful in making adjustments as the game went along. Early on they gave us the pass and we took advantage of it to score two touchdowns, while in the second half they took away the pass, and we were able to be effective running. We need to be effective, and last week we did just that on offense. The defense had another winning performance and maintained its intensity from the week before. It was a total team effort, and was a big win for the team."

Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

## Kinston Lady Bulldogs place second at Trinity prep volleyball tournament

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs competed in the Trinity Volleyball Tournament last weekend, in Montgomery, and rolled to four straight wins before falling to St. James in the finals.

The Lady Bulldogs swept through pool play with wins over Auburn 25-18, 25-22, Gulf Shores 27-25, 25-22, Alabama Christian 25-22, 25-8, and Jemison 25-10, 25-11. However, Kinston saw its 22-game winning streak snapped in the championship as the Lady Bulldogs lost to St. James 25-

23, 14-25, 10-25.

In the five matches played on Saturday, Kinston was led by Heather Marlowe with 68 assists, 27 digs, 4 aces, 4 blocks and 3 kills, while Jesi Johnson added 14 kills, 10 aces, 24 digs, 5 assists and 1 block. Caitlin Tindell had 27 kills, 8 blocks, 6 digs and 4 aces; Deanna Manning had 14 kills, 26 digs and 3 blocks; Kourtney Pierce had 17 kills, 17 digs and 4 blocks; Christie Whigham had 42 digs and 4 aces; Ashton Parker had 7 kills and 5 blocks; Monica Wilford had 4 digs; and

Samantha Peacock had 3 digs and 2 aces.

### Zion Chapel Rebel Termites fall to New Brockton 36-0

The Zion Chapel Rebel Termites dropped a 36-0 decision to New Brockton, Saturday night in New Brockton.

On offense, the Rebels were led by Skylar Anderson with 23 yards rushing, while Ethan Deal completed a pass to Peyton Wilkerson for a 12-yard gain. Chris Carter had 2 big catches for first downs, Sequoyah Jordan gained 6 yards on a 1-yard carry, and Jordan Kidd had a 1-yard gain.

On defense, Skylar Anderson led the way with 6 tackles, followed by Steven Harrell and Cody Daniels with 4 tackles, each; Chris Carter and Daniel Stone with 3 tackles, each; and Bobby Paul, Chase Peoples, Jordan Kidd, Colton Kelley and Zach Smith, all with 1 tackle.

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Elba Tiger running back Michael Lindsey (6) jumps over a teammate and heads for the endzone for the fourth quarter touchdown. Lindsey gained 98 yards on 13 carries and scored 2 touchdowns in the fourth quarter to help the Tigers claim the region win over Dale County.

## For second straight region win

## Elba Tigers roll over Dale County 27-7

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers jumped out to a quick first quarter lead behind the pin-point passing quarterback Trey Martin, and then rode the legs of eighth-grade running back Michael Lindsey in the fourth quarter to claim a big 27-7 region win over the Dale County Warriors.

The win upped the Tigers record to 2-1, 1-1 in region play, while the Warriors slipped to 1-2 with the loss, 0-2 against region competition.

The team's first offensive possession of the game came on a 5-yard counter to put Dale County on the scoreboard, while the touchdown coming on a 35-yard pass from Trey Martin to Bobby Hudson. Richard Cooks kicked the extra-point, and with 9:26 remaining in the opening quarter the Tigers were already on top.

Elba put the ball in play at the 50-yard line after a 16-yard return by the Tigers' Don Rhoades, and this time needed five plays to reach the endzone.

A 9-yard run by Gavin Respress got the scoring drive off to a fast start, while Bobby Hudson added a 12-yard gallop, and the touchdown came on a 4-yard pass from Trey Martin to Respress. Cooks added the extra-point, and with 3:44 left in the first quarter Elba owned an early 14-0 advantage.

Dale County put the ball in play near midfield on its ensu-

ing possession, and used 35 yards in penalties to move the ball to a first down at the Elba 13-yardline. A 4-yard loss on a big defensive play by Martin McCormick slowed the march toward the Elba goal line; however, and the Tigers turned back the scoring threat and regained possession at their own 15-yardline.

Elba handed the Warriors the first big break of the game late in the half when the Tigers mishandled a Dale County punt, and the Warriors recovered at the Elba 21-yardline. A 13-yard run on second down by Justin Wesley set the Warriors up at the Elba 7-yardline, and one play later David Williams scored on a 5-yard counter to put Dale County on the scoreboard. Wesley kicked the extra-point, and with 3:39 remaining in the half Elba's lead had been cut to 14-7.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 36-yardline after a penalty nullified a 30-yard kickoff return by Trey Belcher, and the Tigers promptly headed downfield as they tried to beat the clock into the endzone late in the quarter. Trey Martin, who completed his first eight passes of the game for 173 yards, connected with Richard Cooks on a 22-yard completion and later hooked-up with Carlos Matias on a 13-yard gain. Gavin Respress pulled in two Martin tosses for a total of 26 yards as Elba reached the Dale County 5-yardline with 16-seconds left on the clock. A spike and a sack backed Elba up to the 13-yardline, and the half ended one play

later with an incomplete pass as Elba carried a 14-7 lead in at intermission.

The Elba defense came up with two turnovers early in the third quarter on a fumble after a big hit by Justin Hammonds and a pass interception by Dakell Berry, but could get nothing offensively, and carried the 14-7 lead into the final stanza.

The Tigers put the ball in play at their own 34-yardline to begin the fourth quarter, and set sail on a 13-play drive that ate up almost six minutes off the clock and resulted in a touchdown. Michael Lindsey was the workhorse of the long scoring drive as he gained 53 yards on seven carries, and scored the touchdown on a 16-yard dash up the middle. Richard Cooks added the extra-point, and with 6:23 left in the fourth quarter Elba's lead was up to 21-7.

Elba's Justin Hammonds recovered the ensuing kickoff off the Dale County 21-yardline, and three plays later the Tigers were right back in the endzone. Michael Lindsey scored the touchdown on a 15-yard sweep around the right end, and although the extra-point try failed, Elba was finally in command with a 27-7 lead with 4:00 remaining in the game.

Trey Martin completed 14 of 19 passes for 203 yards and 2 touchdowns to lead the Tigers through the air, while on the ground Michael Lindsey gained

98 yards on 13 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. Gavin Respress led the Elba receivers with 3 catches for 80 yards and one touchdown, while Carlos Matias pulled in 4 passes for 15 yards and Bobby Hudson hauled in one pass for 35 yards and a score.

On defense, Elba was led by Dimetrio Tyson with 6 tackles and 2 assists, while Carlos Matias and Jordan McBride both had 4 tackles and 2 assists, and Matthew Brunson had 2 tackles and 4 assists. Dakell Berry had a pass interception, while Carlos Matias and Cameron Rodgers both recovered fumbles. Getting sacks in the win were Jason Mitchell, Carlos Matias and Jordan Bryant.

### STATISTICS

EL	1st Downs	DC
18	18	12
35-162	Rushes-Yds.	31-467
203	Passing Yds.	87
365	Total Offense	154
14-19-0	Passes	8-15-1
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	5/2
4-34	Punts-Ave.	2-31
6-55	Penalties-Yds.	4-25



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Governor Riley announces national grant for Advanced Placement (AP) math and science education

Governor Bob Riley announced recently that Alabama has received a multi-million dollar grant from the National Math and Science Initiative to strengthen Advanced Placement (AP) programs in the state's public schools.

This award of up to \$13.2 million over six years is the largest private grant on record for K-12 public education in the state. Alabama is one of only seven states chosen for this highly competitive grant.

"Expanding Advanced Placement programs is critical to providing a world-class education for our children and making sure they are prepared to succeed in today's global economy," said Governor Bob Riley. "We look forward to partnering with the National Math and Science Initiative to bring these new learning opportunities to students across our state."

NMSI is a major new non-profit designed to help America maintain its global leadership position in technological innovation.



Exxon Mobil Corporation funded the initiative with a commitment of \$125 million. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation are also major donors.

This new funding will launch A+ College Ready, a program to increase student participation in Advanced Placement (AP) courses and performance on AP exams in math, science and English.

A+ College Ready will be based at the A+ Education Foundation, which partnered on this project with Governor Bob Riley, State Superintendent of Education Joe Morton, the Alabama Power Foundation and the Alabama Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Coalition.

"We are greatly expanding opportunities for both previously underserved students as well as the traditionally college-bound student. I have no doubt that these young Alabamians can compete with the world's best and brightest," said Bill Smith, chairman of the A+ Education Foundation. "These demanding AP classes will build the kind of academic muscle that will serve them for life."

In addition to generous funding, NMSI provides technical assistance to develop A+ College Ready based on a Texas model that has significantly increased AP participation and student success on AP exams. This model includes professional development and mentoring for teachers, additional time for student learning, and financial incentives based on academic results.

A+ College Ready will build

on a foundation of existing statewide AP efforts. These include, the state-funded AP Initiative, a grant from the National Governors Association, and AP courses delivered through ACCESS distance learning.

From 2006 to 2007, the number of AP exam takers in Alabama's public schools increased 23.3 percent, as compared to a 9.5 percent increase nationwide. The number of AP exams taken by Alabama public school students that earned a grade of three to five, generally qualifying for college credit, increased by 16.6 percent, as compared to a 9.3 percent increase nationwide. Additionally, the AP participation and performance of Alabama's Black students significantly outpaced that seen nationwide.

Newbia Baptist Church planning Homecoming for Sunday, Oct. 7th

Newbia Baptist Church, located on Coffee County Road 330 north of Elba, will hold Homecoming services Sunday, Oct. 7.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. followed by worship service at 11 a.m. Rev. Wayne Weber, pastor, will deliver the message.

Lunch will follow the morning services. Guest singers for Homecoming will be the Harrelson Family. Everyone is invited to attend.

DANNY COLE OF ELBA recently caught two channel catfish weighing in at 7 1/2 pounds at the Coffee County Lake. He caught these while fishing from the pier.

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**Note of Thanks**  
The family of J.C. Stuckey would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, food and flowers received during the loss of our Father and Grandfather.

Each gesture of kindness and concern was sincerely appreciated. God bless each one of you and continue to keep us in your prayers.

The Family of J.C. Stuckey

**Note of Thanks**  
Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, As any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part.

The family of Linda Ann Walden

James Walden & family  
Jerry & Charlotte & family  
Patricia & Matthew Kirkland & family  
Stevie & Denise Walden & family



Nell Gilmer and David Dorsey

## David Dorsey speaks to Elba Kiwanis Club

David Dorsey, general manager of Dorsey Trailers, addressed the Elba Kiwanis Club at their regular luncheon meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Elba Library Community Room.

He discussed Dorsey's plan of action for getting the trailer company back in operation and their future plans.

Nell Gilmer, club secretary, presented David with a 1959

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changes in the No Child Left Behind Act, approved the FY 2008 Parental Involvement Plan.

The board also awarded a bid for a new Bluebird school bus to Alabama Bus Sales. The low bid was for \$71,826.00.

Following an executive session, which reportedly resulted in no official action, the board heard several announcements.

Corrective Action Plan approved by the state Department of Education.

Alabama Reading First grant of \$200,000 will continue for FY 2008.

Read an acknowledgement from Education Resources Inc. for the two years Elba Elementary School assisted with producing a special program on education.

Heard that the state Department of Education recognized that the Elba schools are

one of only 16 in Alabama meeting all the requirements for IDEA (disability education) program.

The school was awarded an \$85,000 ACCESS Distance Learning grant which will allow students to enroll in classes taught by experts from throughout the state through live two-way video connections.

Worship at the Church of Your Choice This Sunday!

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## During Elba City Council meeting Closing of airport noted to allow for runway resurfacing project

by Fern Cox, Publisher

Monday evening, Sept. 24, the Elba City Council made quick work of approving a budget for the upcoming year.

The details of the proposed budget presented by Mayor James Grimes had been discussed at a previous workshop and council members had been reviewing the details for over a week. The new budget was described by Grimes as "a bare bones budget" and was up only \$5,000 from the previous budget.

Included in the new budget are funds for a new police car and a new garbage truck. Grimes and council members had previously expressed concern over lack of money for some badly needed street resurfacing.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey reported continued routine activity in the department during the past two weeks. He presented council members with a breakdown of miles traveled by individual patrol officers and the

## Elba City Council approves "bare bones" budget for Fiscal Year 2008

by Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved an operating budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008, which begins October 1, 2007.

Total projected income for the new year is \$3,320,550, compared to projections of \$3,315,550 for the year ending next Monday. Mayor James Grimes said in presenting the proposed budget that it was, "a bare bones budget."

POW/MIA Recognition Day observed in Elba last Friday

A small ceremony held Friday morning, Sept. 21, in Elba served as commemoration of a very special day for Americans as POW/MIA Recognition Day was observed.

Before 1979, there was no specific day set aside to honor America's prisoners of war and those missing in action; however, a congressional resolution changed that. In the mid-1980s, the day of commemoration took place in July and April.

Since 1986, POW/MIA Recognition Day has been observed on the third Friday in September. In honor of this day, a wreath was placed Friday

morning next to the Ben Ringsdorf monument in downtown Elba.

Herbert Benjamin Ringsdorf, a native of Elba, served in the U.S. Air Force and became a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down Nov. 11, 1966, five miles west of the city of Vinh Linh in Quang Binh Province, North Vietnam. He was released Feb. 12, 1973.

The Ringsdorf monument was constructed in Elba many years ago to honor Ringsdorf and all other prisoners of war along with those considered missing in action. The wreath placed next to the Ringsdorf monument



ELBA HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADORS PLACE WREATH...During a ceremony held last Friday morning, Sept. 21, in downtown Elba, several of the Elba High School Ambassadors placed a wreath at the foot of the Ben Ringsdorf monument in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day. The participating students included: (front row, left to right) Brittany Phillips, Ashley Carpenter, Kiwana Cole and Justin Pike; (back row, left to right) Aaron Harrelson, Blake Qualls, Bobby Hudson and Trey Martin. Lynn Weeks serves as sponsor of the Elba High Ambassadors.

## Annual chamber banquet held in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Elba business community gathered last Thursday evening, Sept. 20, at the Elba Recreation Center for the annual membership banquet of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, introduced the 2008 officers and directors for the chamber.

The 2008 board officers include: Eddie Vaughan, president; Herby McCall, vice president; Mary Gray, second vice president; Melissa Flowers, secretary; Lynn Baker, treasurer; Denise Sauls, ex-officio; and Linda Hodge, public relations director. The board of directors includes: Jerry Kelley, Laurie Chapman, Daniel Stephens, Tonya Jones, Kenneth Calhoun, Josh Wilson, Jim Goodson, Mary McMillan, Michael Moseley, Doris



Matthews, Jennie Clark and Elba Mayor James Grimes. Two special awards were presented during this year's banquet as two of Elba's longtime businesses are celebrating an anniversary in 2007. Kelley Foods of Alabama was honored as it is celebrating 50 years of business this year while The National Security Group was honored for 60 years of business.

Mayor James Grimes presented a plaque to representatives of each business and he highlighted many details that have played a part in making both Kelley Foods and National Security two of Elba's largest and most respected businesses. He also noted that each continues to grow and prosper.

In his closing remarks, 2008 chamber board president Eddie Vaughan said he looks forward to another successful year for the chamber and the City of Elba.



## Coffee County Commission approves FY 2008 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday, Sept. 24, during the regular bimonthly meeting to approve the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

County administrator Kathy Lolley said the FY2008 budget totals \$17,726,986.

During a time of discussion, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said he thought commissioners should think about the budget for voting for it. He said there are no big projects in the budget, and monies were taken from the road/bridge fund, landfill fund and a CD was used to balance the budget.

Dalrymple said the county's dirt road paving project still is not finished. He said there remains 240 miles of dirt roads in Coffee County with approximately 1,400 families living on those roads.

Dalrymple said he does not think the county is doing those families justice by taking funds out of the road/bridge budget. Despite his remarks, the proposed budget passed by a 6-1 vote. Dalrymple cast the lone opposing vote.

During his remarks to commissioners, Sheriff Dave Sutton



Kenny Williams joined the Coffee County EMS team six months ago and currently serves as a paramedic. He has been involved with EMS for a total of 10 years. His training includes credential paramedic, ACLS, PALS and BLS. Williams is also employed by Care Ambulance in Troy.

You are cordially invited to attend a reception honoring the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Fred and Virginia Oglesby on Sunday, the twenty-third of September Two thousand and seven Two until Four o'clock in the afternoon at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church located on County Road 330, Elba Your presence will be your gift.

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